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**Timely Tidbits ...****130+ To Take Part in Citywide Yard Sale**

Bargain hunters throughout the Downriver area won't want to miss the annual Romulus Citywide Yard Sale, set for May 14–17. (If two or more of the sale dates are "rained out," the event will be postponed to the weekend of May 28–31.)

For a list of the 130+ sale sites, please see page 8.

**Craft Sale Planned**

The Romulus Senior Center (36525 Bibbins Street) is inviting the public to attend its next craft sale, to be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, May 8.

Call 734-955-4120 for info.

**Dinner Supports Breast Cancer Walk Team**

A spaghetti dinner to benefit Team Winekoff in the upcoming Michigan Breast Cancer 3-Day will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, May 9, at Romulus Progressive Hall (11580 Ozga Street). Enjoy spaghetti, salad, breadstick, and beverage for a donation of \$7.50 for adults or \$3.50 for children 12 and under.

Also featured will be silent auctions, baked goods, gold-buying, and vendor merchandise like Diva Girl purses, Mary Kay cosmetics, and Lea Sophia jewelry. Doors open at noon.

**PEN Gets Computer Lab**

The Pentecostal Missionary Baptist Church's PEN Enrichment Center in Romulus will be receiving a free computer lab, according to local resident Robert McLachlan. The lab, which will include five computers along with all necessary hardware and software, will be funded through a grant from the nonprofit "Take One Community Program" founded by State Representative Tim Melton.

McLachlan learned of the grant's availability through Representative Doug Geiss (Taylor/Romulus), who sought his input to find a deserving recipient. After consulting with Romulus Mayor Alan Lambert, McLachlan contacted Reverend Arthur Willis, the church's pastor, to receive his approval before working to facilitate the grant's bestowal. □

**Taylor Kennedy Bowling Team, State Champ Honored**

Taylor Mayor Cameron G. Priebe (back, center) congratulated Coach Mike Sarandrea (left), Assistant Coach Dan Dutcher, and members of the Kennedy High School girls bowling team on an outstanding season. Holding their proclamations from the City were: (from left) front – state champion Kenna Williams, Chelsea Moline, Samantha Cwik, Anessa Keating, Ashley Gluba and Amanda Hudak; back – Katelyn Ball and Kristen Marcis. Photo by Dave Gorgon/City of Taylor

City of Taylor officials have paid tribute to the success of the girls varsity bowling team at John F. Kennedy High School, which included a state championship by junior Kenna Williams.

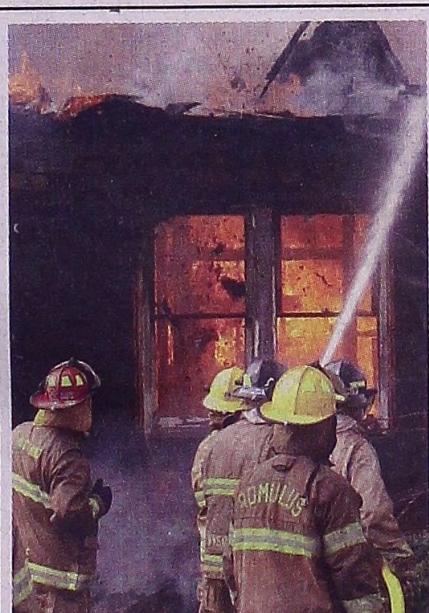
Elected officials issued proclamations congratulating Williams on her Division 1 individual state title, and to the team for winning league and regional titles and finishing third in the state tournament. The proclamations were presented to the Eagles during a City Council meeting last month.

Kennedy's team, coached by Mike Sarandrea and assistant Dan Dutcher, included Williams, Kristen Marcis, Ashley Gluba, Anessa Keating, Chelsea Moline, Katelyn Ball, Amanda Hudak, and Samantha Cwik.

The Eagles lost only one time as a team all season long, won the Mega Red Conference championship, and captured the first-ever Michigan High School Athletic Association bowling regional championship in school history.

In the March 7 state finals in Muskegon, the girls advanced to the final four, where they fell short by just 12 pins to state runner-up Anchor Bay High School.

Williams, who carried a yearbook average of 160 the year before, improved to a 202 average during the high school season. In a state finals qualifying round, she bowled her personal best, 299, and in the round of 16, she added a 284. In the state finals, she beat Amanda Wiska of Walled Lake Lakeland, 204-157, to win the championship.



Firefighters got hands-on training battling a controlled-setting blaze at 35945 Herman in Romulus. Photo by R. E. Kadan

**Romulus Firefighters Get Hands-on Training**

A training exercise conducted by the Romulus Fire Department on April 26 gave local firefighters a chance to hone their skills in a real-life setting.

RFD Deputy Chief Bill Wagner said that 13 firefighters from Romulus and 4 from Westland took part in the exercise, which involved battling a controlled fire set in a house located at 35945 Herman. The home's owner offered to let the department use the building for the training exercise after a previous fire had left the structure beyond repair.

The purpose of the drill was to give less-experienced firefighters a better understanding of fire behavior and techniques for extinguishing a blaze.

"We take them inside, set the fire, and let them watch it develop," Wagner explained. "They see, firsthand, how quickly the flames can move across a wall and up to the ceiling."

**Town Hall Meeting on Preventing Foreclosures**

State Representatives Douglas A. Geiss and Deb Kennedy are inviting the public to attend a Town Hall Meeting on "Preventing Foreclosures & Strengthening Communities" at the Brownstown Community Center (21311 Telegraph Road) on Monday, May 4, from 6 to 7 p.m. Call Kennedy (866-725-2929) for info.

## Letters to the Editor

*Editor's note: All letters to the editor MUST contain the writer's signature and a telephone number where he/she can be reached to verify the letter's authenticity.*

The little paper reserves the right to edit all letters for clarity, content, and brevity.

### Mayor Lambert Criticized

To the Editor:

I have been a resident of Romulus for 41 years. I still remember the day I went to City hall to meet Mayor Alan Lambert. We were both walking towards the entrance when I extended my hand and introduced myself. He said, "My name is Al," and then abruptly walked into the building and into his office. He wouldn't take the time to have a conversation with me.

Imagine my shock when I opened my mail and found he sent me a birthday card. It must be an election year, as, in the past eight years, I have never received a card.

It appears that Mayor Lambert and his fiancée only stay at affairs until he gives his speech and/or pictures are taken, then leave. Even at the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality public hearing

held April 23 at Romulus High School regarding the hazardous waste deep injection wells in Romulus, the Mayor was unable to make it a priority to remain until the conclusion. WHY?

Mary Barney, Romulus

### Crout Says Thanks

To the Editor:

I want to thank everyone who helped the "Helping Hand" (37510 Huron River Drive, Romulus) make it possible for our residents in need to have Easter dinner.

We had residents who donated hams, turkeys, and canned and boxed goods. A special thanks goes to the person who donated three hams. I also want to give thanks to Linda and Ken Choate, who made a monetary donation to Helping Hand. All donations were greatly appreciated.

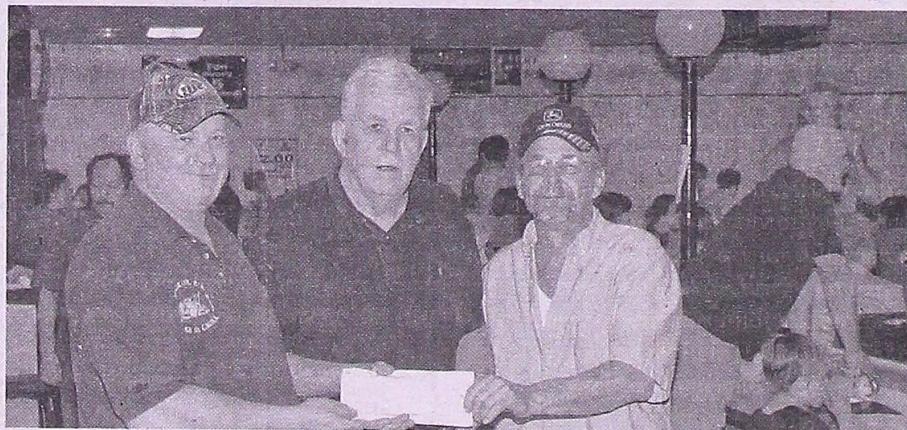
As the economy gets worse, there will be more residents needing help from Helping Hand. We need to work together to make sure that no family goes hungry. It will take continued support to make that possible.

Councilman Harry Crout, Romulus

### A Big, BIG "THANK YOU!"

Romulus City Councilman Bill Wadsworth would like to thank the following individuals and businesses for their support of the Friends of the New Romulus Animal Shelter Fund: the late Frank Ayers; A&A Oil Change; B & L Automotive Supply; Blue Sky Ice Cream & Hamburgers; Burger King (Romulus); Captain Nemo's Submarine Sandwiches; Gloria Chandler, Crane Funeral Home; D'Angelo's Pizza; Dave's & Company Barber Shop & Hair Salon; Family Barber Shop; Fluff 'n' Puff Pet Grooming; Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce; Rick Hadyniak and family; Jet's Pizza; Johnson Car Wash; Juliann's Coney Island; Mayor Alan Lambert; Robert McLachlan, Merriman Street Grill; Metro Coney Island; Metro Realty; Mobil Service Station (Wayne/Goddard roads); MVP Sports Bar; OHM Engineering Advisors; Joe Ozog; Pizza Barn; Romulus Auto Repair; Romulus Auto Supply; Romulus Hardware; Romulus House Restaurant; Romulus Lanes; Romulus Market Place; Seifman & Guzall, PC; Stears Hardware; Subway (Wayne/Goddard roads); and Westland Fire Extinguisher. □

### \$2,266 Raised for New Animal Shelter



On behalf of the Friends of the New Romulus Animal Shelter Fund, City Councilman Bill Wadsworth (center) accepted a \$2,266 check from Romulus Lanes owner Michael Beaudrie (left) and president of operations Rick Hadyniak. The money was raised at the establishment's fifth annual Bowl-a-Thon on April 24. Photo by R. E. Kadau

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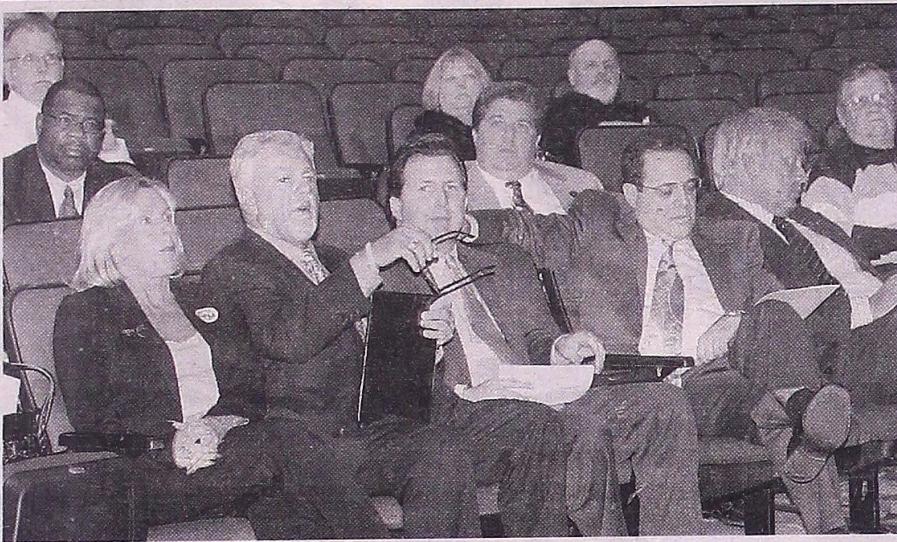
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## Guest Commentary

### Lambert Expresses Thanks, Congratulations



Among those who attended the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality's April 23 public hearing about the possibility of revoking permits for a hazardous-waste treatment, storage, and disposal facility on Citrin Drive in Romulus were (front, from right) Taylor Mayor Cameron G. Priebe, Wayne County Executive Robert A. Ficano, State Representative Douglas A. Geiss, Romulus Mayor Alan R. Lambert, and Romulus businesswoman Diane Banks. *Photo by R. E. Kadau*

By Mayor Alan R. Lambert, City of Romulus

I would like to thank all the residents who joined us at the public hearing on the hazardous waste wells. We still need your support to continue our fight to keep this facility closed. If you were not able to attend, you can still send your comments on the subject to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. Go to the City Web site – [www.romulusgov.com](http://www.romulusgov.com) – for more information.

Turning to brighter subjects, I would like to take this opportunity to:

- congratulate our Romulus High School Eagles boys' varsity basketball team. They made it to the state semifinals again this year. Our team is consistently among the best in Michigan, and makes us proud each and every year. Congratu-

lations to Coach Nate Oates and all team members!

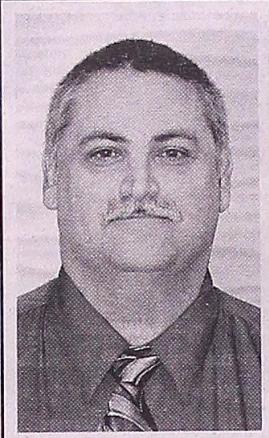
- congratulate Reverend Art Willis, who won the Romulus Chamber's "Person of the Year" award. His work with the youth in our community is a testament to his dedication. Thank you, Reverend Willis, for your tireless devotion to our community.
- thank everyone who participated in the one-year anniversary celebration for the Romulus Athletic Center. Thanks, too, to all of the families who use our state-of-the-art recreational facility. No longer do we have to go outside the city for quality recreation.
- thank all who participated in the annual Easter Egg Hunt. A great time was had by all! □

### School Board Members Get MASB Awards



Romulus Community Schools superintendent Carl J. Weiss (second from right) congratulated Board of Education members who were recognized by the Michigan Association of School Boards for completing various MASB board development courses. They were: (from left) Thomas Kuderik (Master Diamond Award), Danielle Funderburg (Level One Certification), Cheryle A. Buckley (Award of Distinction), and Kenneth Mientkiewicz (Advocacy Skills Specialty).

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- Married to Theresa for 21 years
- Two children (Jonathan, Valedictorian, RHS Class of 2006; Ryan, junior at RHS)
- Lived in Romulus nearly 16 years
- Active volunteer at several schools
- Past President, Romulus Band Boosters
- Former Sponsor/Scoutmaster, Boy Scouts of America
- Previous Board Member, Westwood Schools (1985–1993)

#### SOME ACCOMPLISHMENTS INCLUDE:

- Received Award of Merit and Award of Distinction from Michigan Association of School Boards
- One of founding members of Halecreek Homeowners Association; successfully lobbied for repair of streets in Meadows Subdivision without tax increase
- Provided direction in raising and securing \$35,000 for band uniforms
- While President of Band Boosters, created the Band Booster Scholarship Program
- Coordinated successful RHS Homecoming Parade, Dance, and Spirit Week activities in September 2008
- Chaired fund-raising Spaghetti Dinner to assist local family struck by tragedy
- Secured free computer lab for PEN Enrichment Center

#### ENDORSED BY:

- State Representative Doug Geiss (Romulus/Taylor)
- Councilwoman Ellen Craig-Bragg
- Councilman LeRoy Burcroff
- AFSCME Council 25 / Local 64
- Romulus Democratic Club

**"I am asking for your VOTE of confidence on Tuesday, May 5th"**

## Taylor Police Defeat Firefighters in Charity Soccer Game for Food Pantry



Among those who teamed up to make a success of the charity soccer match between the Taylor police and fire departments were (from left) Connie Fedel of Fish & Loaves, Ignition players Mike Apple and Vahid Assapour, game organizer Bryan Cragg of Fish & Loaves, and Ignition players Leo Gibson and Danny Waltman. Photo by Dave Gorgon

With a final score of 6-1, Taylor police officers made it three straight wins in their series of indoor soccer games with Taylor firefighters at the Taylor Sportsplex on Saturday, April 25.

The game was a fund-raiser for the Fish & Loaves Community Food Pantry, which provides food for hungry people in Taylor and surrounding communities.

Corporal Joe Thivierge had two goals and an assist, and Patrolman Matt Edwards scored twice to lead the police team. Public Safety Officer Adam Carroll scored an unassisted goal and assisted on a goal by Corporal Frank Piche.

Goalkeeper Scott Wrenn of the Taylor Auxiliary Police assisted on one of Edwards' goals. Corporal Matt Minard also earned an assist.

Fire Medic Phil Mooney scored the only goal for the team in red, assisted by Sergeant Bill Curry.

Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Drutchas, president of Fish & Loaves, thanked the public safety officers for their participation.

"This is a fantastic event," said Reverend Drutchas, pastor of St. Paul United Church of Christ in Taylor. "It shows how the community and the members of the Taylor Fire Department and Police Department are willing to help families in need."

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Connie Fedel, a member of the Fish & Loaves board and wife of Fire Chief Vince Fedel, said, "Every dollar we raise is three meals for one person. The kindness and gratitude of individuals, businesses, and corporations is what keeps the food on the shelves."

Organizer Bryan Cragg also thanked members of the Detroit Ignition professional indoor soccer team for their participation.

Ignition goalkeeper Danny Waltman – the most valuable player in the Xtreme Soccer League – and forward Mike Apple coached the firefighters. Forward Leo Gibson and midfielder Vahid Assapour coached the officers. They also signed autographs and posed for photos.

Members of the Ignition dance team sold 50/50 tickets. Mascot "Scorch" entertained the crowd.

The police officers and firefighters will meet again in competition on the softball field and in hockey at the Taylor Sportsplex.

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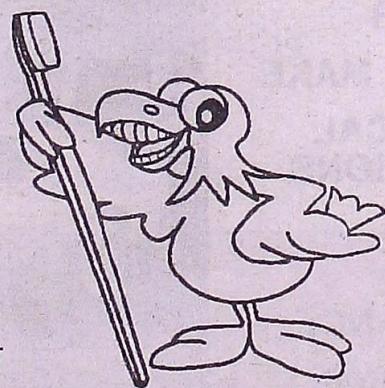
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## Fish 'n' Fun Day at Taylor's Heritage Park

The Continuing Education Division of the Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD), in partnership with the City of Taylor Department of Golf, Parks and Recreation and Gander Mountain, is planning a Kids' Fish 'n' Fun Day. The annual event is set for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 16, at Coan Lake in Taylor's Heritage Park (12111 Pardee Road).

Space is limited, so early registration (at the Taylor Community Library, 12303 Pardee Road) is recommended.

The community event gives practical information about fishing and water safety, as well as hands-on instruction, to young people ages 7-12. Topics include identifying specific fish, where to look for fish, your tackle box, and proper casting techniques. A certificate of completion will be awarded to all children that participate.

Appearing live at the event will be "The Angler with the Catchy Rockin' Fishtales," Brian Schram, of the Schram Band. The free concert is open to all.

## RHS Announces Dates for Prom, Graduation

Linda Poirier, assistant principal at Romulus High School, has compiled the following list of special events to update seniors and their parents.

For more information, call Poirier at 734-532-1014.

#### • Senior Final Exams

(Thursday, May 28, during 4th and 5th hours; seniors attend from 10:59 a.m. to 2 p.m.; regular school day for underclassmen)

#### • Senior Final Exams

(Friday, May 29, during 1st, 2nd, and 3rd hours; seniors attend from 7:15 to 10:59 a.m.; regular school day for underclassmen)

#### • Senior All-night Party

(Friday, May 29, with lock-in from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m.; RHS field house)

#### • Prom Toast

(Wednesday, June 3, from 6 to 7 p.m.; RHS atrium)

#### • Senior Prom

(Wednesday, June 3, from 7:30 p.m. to midnight; "Burton Manor")

#### • Commencement

(Saturday, June 6, from 10 a.m. sharp to 11 a.m.; RHS field house)

Poirier asks parents to note that admission to commencement will be by ticket only. Tickets will be distributed to seniors during graduation rehearsal. All guests attending commencement are to be seated no later than 9:30 a.m.

A professional photographer will be taking pictures of each graduate, and the ceremony will be videotaped. Photos and tapes will be available for purchase. □

## Business Partner Supports Students at RES



Romulus Elementary principal Marjie McAnally (back, center) reports that Bob Evans of Romulus is partnering with the school to support education. Students who achieve honor roll, improvement, or perfect attendance will receive a certificate for a free kids' meal. Aaron Heddy (right), general manager of the restaurant, says Bob Evans is delighted to provide support to community students like sixth-grader Demond Dixon (left) and third-grader Troy Wyckstandt, and to recognize them for their hard work.

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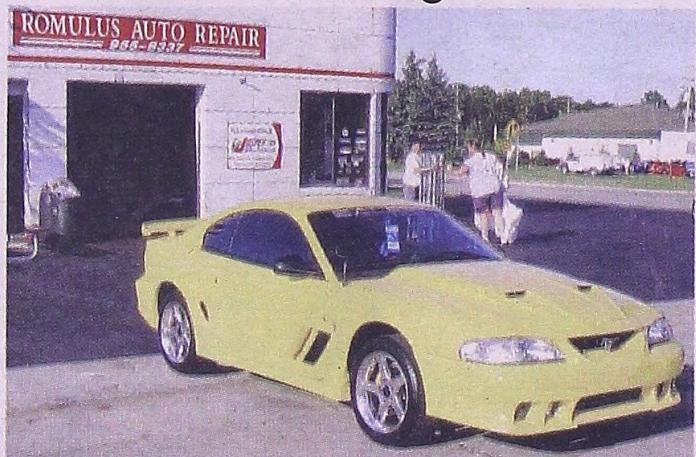
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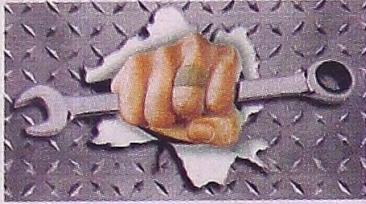
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## ATTENTION, BARGAIN HUNTERS!

More than 130 households/organizations are taking part in Romulus's annual Citywide Yard Sale, set for Thursday, May 14, through Sunday, May 17. (If two or more dates are rained out, the event will be postponed to Thursday, May 28, through Sunday, May 31.) For your convenience, the City has compiled a list of sale sites, organizing it by geographic area to make unfamiliar streets easier to find. Numbers in parentheses refer to sale dates.

1=THURSDAY, MAY 14

2=FRIDAY, MAY 15

3=SATURDAY, MAY 16

4=SUNDAY, MAY 17

### Goddard east of the Airport

27487 Goddard (1, 2, 3, 4)

### Van Born to Ecorse/

### Hannan to Inkster

32865 Augusta Ct. (3, 4)

31978 Augusta Dr. (2, 3, 4)

32046 Augusta Dr. (2, 3, 4)

32195 Bruce (2, 3, 4)

6354 Central (1, 2, 3, 4)

5830 Cogswell (1, 2, 3, 4)

6335 Cordell (1, 2, 3)

35209 Ecorse (1, 2, 3, 4)

35300 Ecorse (2, 3, 4)

6514 Gloria (1, 2, 3, 4)

6315 Heyer (1, 2, 3, 4)

6228 Hunt (1, 2, 3, 4)

6181 Loraine (2, 3, 4)

6328 Loraine (2, 3)

6861 Merriman (2, 3)

6817 Niagara (1, 2, 3, 4)

33355 Sand Piper Dr. (1, 2, 3, 4)

7022 Sargent (1, 2, 3, 4)

28745 Van Born (1, 2, 3, 4)

(mobile home community)

5852 Wayne (1, 2, 3, 4)

6077 Wayne (1, 2, 3)

### Ecorse to I-94/Hannan to Wayne

39342 Chase (1, 2, 3, 4)

8110 Cogswell (2, 3)

8540 Cogswell (1, 2, 3, 4)

35401 Hawthorne Dr. (2, 3, 4)

37008 Herman (1, 2, 3, 4)

37243 Menton (1, 2, 3)

10068 Miriam (1, 2, 3, 4)

9261 Ozga (2, 3, 4)

10355 Ozga (1, 2, 3, 4)

35636 Ronald (1, 2, 3, 4)

35666 Ronald (2, 3, 4)

9930 Shook (1, 2, 3, 4)

10355 Sterling (1, 2, 3, 4)

10367 Sterling (1, 2, 3, 4)

9884 Tobine (1, 2, 3, 4)

37665 Tyler (1, 2, 3)

38500 Tyler (1, 2, 3, 4)

38548 Tyler (3, 4)

8428 Wahrman (3, 4)

8498 Wayne (1, 2, 3, 4)

9322 Wayne (1, 2, 3, 4)

9480 Wayne (1, 2, 3, 4)

8971 Whitehorn (1, 2, 3, 4)

8978 Whitehorn (1, 2, 3, 4)

### Downtown Romulus Area (I-94 to just south of Grant/ just west of Ozga to Wayne)

36836 Chase (1, 2, 3, 4)

36894 Chase (3)

11150 Craig (2, 3, 4)

11415 Delano (1, 2, 3)

12011 Elmview (1, 2, 3, 4)

36915 Ferndale (1, 2, 3, 4)

11088 Gabriel (1, 2, 3, 4)

11510 Gabriel (3)

35523 Goddard (1, 2, 3, 4)

35706 Goddard (1, 2, 3, 4)

36755 Goddard (1, 2, 3, 4)

37300 Goddard (1, 2, 3)

36651 Grant (2, 3, 4)

36980 Grant (1, 2, 3, 4)

37014 Grant (1, 2, 3, 4)

11435 Hunt (1, 2, 3, 4)

36862 Mario Ann Ct. (1, 2, 3)

11091 Moore (3)

36760 Neville (2, 3, 4)

11140 Olive (2, 3, 4)

11160 Olive (2, 3)

36909 Porter (2, 3, 4)

10566 Romaine (2, 3)

36511 Romulus Ave. (1, 2, 3, 4)

36528 Romulus Ave. (1, 2, 3)

11353 St. Aloysius (1, 2, 3, 4)

12120 Sharon (1, 2, 3, 4)

11409 Wahrman (1, 2, 4)

11014 Whitehorn (1, 2, 3, 4)

11059 Whitehorn (1, 2, 3)

### Halecreek Elementary Area (Northline to Pennsylvania/ Middlebelt to Inkster)

16925 Aberdeen Dr. (1, 2, 3, 4)

28734 Burning Tree Ln. (1, 2, 3, 4)

16311 Cedar Way (2, 3, 4)

28448 Cherry Ave. (1, 2, 3, 4)

16424 Eastwind (1, 2, 3, 4)

28261 Edinburgh Dr. (3, 4)

15142 Harrison (2, 3, 4)

16200 Harrison (3)

15831 Knurlwoode (2, 3, 4)

15614 Meadow (2, 3, 4)

28125 Meadowhill (1, 2, 3, 4)

28742 Pennsylvania (1, 2, 3, 4)

15654 Springhill (1, 2, 3, 4)

16292 Wildfox Ct. (1, 2, 3, 4)

15101 Woodmont (1, 2, 3, 4)

15115 Woodmont (1, 2, 3, 4)

### W. Huron River Dr. to Pennsylvania/ Hannan to Wayne

15865 Aspen Dr. (1, 2, 3, 4)

37710 Barth (1, 2, 3, 4)

37548 Castle (3, 4)

13295 Cogswell (1, 2, 3, 4)

37276 Eureka (1, 2, 3)

12970 Hannan (2, 3)

13547 Kent (1, 2, 3, 4)

13564 S. Huron River Dr. (1, 2, 3, 4)

13880 S. Huron River Dr. (3, 4)

16018 S. Huron River Dr. (1, 2)

38510 Superior (2, 3, 4)

39330 Superior (2, 3, 4)

38512 Wade (1, 2, 3)

39213 W. Huron River Dr. (1, 2, 3, 4)

37609 Westvale (1, 2, 3, 4)

37814 Westvale (1, 2, 3, 4)

38112 Westvale (1, 2, 3, 4)

38700 Westvale (1, 2, 3, 4)

### Wayne Rd. McDonald's Area (Wick to I-94/Wayne to Vining)

9360 Biddle (1, 2, 3, 4)

9369 Chamberlain (1, 2, 3)

9465 Chamberlain (1, 2, 3, 4)

9660 Essex (2, 3, 4)

9672 Essex (1, 2, 3)

34300 Lynn Dr. (1, 2, 3)

34800 Lynn Dr. (1, 2, 3, 4)

34870 Lynn Dr. (1, 2, 3, 4)

9622 Marc (2, 3)

34153 McBride (2, 3, 4)

9431 Terry (1, 2, 3, 4)

9476 Washington (1, 2, 3, 4)

34923 Wick (1, 2, 3)

### Merriman Elementary Area (Eureka to Pennsylvania/ Merriman to Middlebelt)

15415 Brandt (1, 2, 3, 4)

15520 Brandt (1, 2, 3, 4)

16619 Brandt (1, 2, 3, 4)

30537 Cherry Ave. (2, 3, 4)

15320 Colbert (1, 2, 3, 4)

15433 Colbert (1, 2, 3, 4)

16054 Dodge (1, 2, 3)

30235 Kipling (1, 2, 3, 4)

15749 Oakbrook (1, 2, 3, 4)

30490 Pennsylvania (1, 2, 3, 4)

15557 Taft (1, 2, 3, 4)

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# Community Calendar

To place information in our next issue's Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174-0038; FAX it to 734-992-2052; or e-mail it to [thelittlepaper@comcast.net](mailto:thelittlepaper@comcast.net) no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, May 8.

## Belleville

### Book Signing

Author Beverly Jenkins will be at Main Street Flowers (210 Main Street) from noon to 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 2, to sign copies of her latest book, *Bring on the Blessings* – a work of faith-based women's fiction. Jenkins, known for her historical romance novels highlighting African-American life in the 19th century, has earned the Golden Pen Award from the Black Writers Guild.

For information, call 734-697-7400.

### "Thunder Rolls" Honors Veterans

Brown Funeral Home and Brown Family Center will sponsor "Thunder Rolls in Belleville" – a Memorial Day celebration that will pay tribute to veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives to protect our nation – on Monday, May 25. The program will begin with a police-escorted motorcycle cavalcade that will run from Wayne County Community College's Western Campus (Haggerty Road just north of I-94) to the Veterans Memorial in Horizon Park (High Street just east of Main Street). Registration and lineup will start at 11 a.m. in the college's front parking lot. All riders are welcome. Proceeds from the

\$10-per-person registration fee will be used to help local veterans and their families through the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Afterward, a memorial service will be held at Horizon Park at about 2 p.m.

For information, call 734-697-5090 or e-mail [browngrriefcenter@yahoo.com](mailto:browngrriefcenter@yahoo.com).

## Huron Township

### St. Paul's Church Plans Flea Market

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (18109 Craig Street) will hold a Spring Flea Market from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, April 30, through Saturday, May 2. Antiques, collectibles, and furniture will be featured.

For information, call 734-753-9048.

## Romulus

### Free Dumping

Romulus residents (ID required) may dump nonhazardous household waste at the Department of Public Works (12600 Wayne Road, between Northline and Goddard) May 11–16 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

For complete dumping rules, pick up a flyer at the DPW or call 734-942-7579.

### CUMC To Hold Rummage Sale

Community United Methodist Church (11160 Olive Street) will hold its annual rummage sale on Friday, May 15, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday, May 16, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. A variety of household items and clothing will be available.

For information, call 734-941-0736.

### Clean Sweep Day

The City's annual Clean Sweep Day will be held Saturday, May 16.

Individuals and members of local businesses and civic organizations can **report at the Romulus Senior Center** (36525 Bibbins) starting at 8:30 a.m. to enjoy refreshments while picking up basic equipment and supplies as well as (if desired) cleaning assignments. Cleanup will begin at 9 a.m.

For more information on how to volunteer to help clean up your hometown, call 734-955-4502.

### Cox To Speak at Chamber Luncheon

The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce's next business luncheon will be held at the Crowne Plaza (8000 Merriman Road) on Tuesday, May 19, at 12 p.m.

Guest Speaker for the event will be State Attorney General Mike Cox, who will also administer the "Oath of Office" to the Chamber's newly elected officers/directors.

Tickets are \$15 for Chamber members, \$18 for nonmembers. Register by Friday, May 15. Seating is limited, so early registration is recommended.

For information, call 734-893-0694 or e-mail [info@romuluschamber.com](mailto:info@romuluschamber.com).

### Golf Outing Benefits Boys & Girls Clubs

A scramble-format golf tournament to benefit the Romulus and Belleville Boys & Girls Clubs will be held at Inkster Valley Golf Course (2150 Middlebelt Road) on Thursday, May 21, starting at 9 a.m.

A cost of \$100 per individual covers 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch, dinner, and prize opportunities. A \$500 foursome rate includes all of the above plus a hole sponsor sign! Hole sponsorships are \$125.

Register by Friday, May 7.

For information, call 734-941-5839 or visit [jcovell@bgcsm.org](mailto:jcovell@bgcsm.org).

### Horseshoe Club Seeks Players

The Romulus Horseshoe Club is looking for players on Tuesday nights from 6 to 8 p.m. at Elmer Johnson Park (Ozga Road south of Wick Road) to pitch in a 12-week league starting in May.

For information, contact Mark at 313-562-3272 or 313-682-3600.

### Men's Sunday Softball League Forming

The City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation is currently forming a Men's Sunday Softball USSSA "D" League. Up to eight teams will be accepted for games to be played at Elmer Johnson Park (Ozga Road south of Wick Road). Both residents and nonresidents are welcome to participate.

A cost of \$500 per team is due by Monday, May 4.

For information, call 734-941-8665.

## Taylor

### Household Hazardous Waste Day

The City of Taylor's annual Household Hazardous Waste Day will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 2, at the Department of Public Works (25605 Northline Road, at Beech Daly).

The event allows residents of Taylor and several other Downriver communities (Brownstown Township, Grosse Ile, Melvindale, Southgate, Trenton, and Woodhaven) to dispose of hazardous waste in a safe and environmentally friendly manner – at no cost to the participants.

Participants will be asked to produce a driver's license as proof of residency. Each resident is limited to one trip through the line.

The event also includes a thermometer exchange. Bring a mercury thermometer or other mercury-bearing device to exchange for a safe digital thermometer (limit: two per car).

A list of acceptable and unacceptable items is available on the City's Web site: <http://www.cityoftaylor.com>.

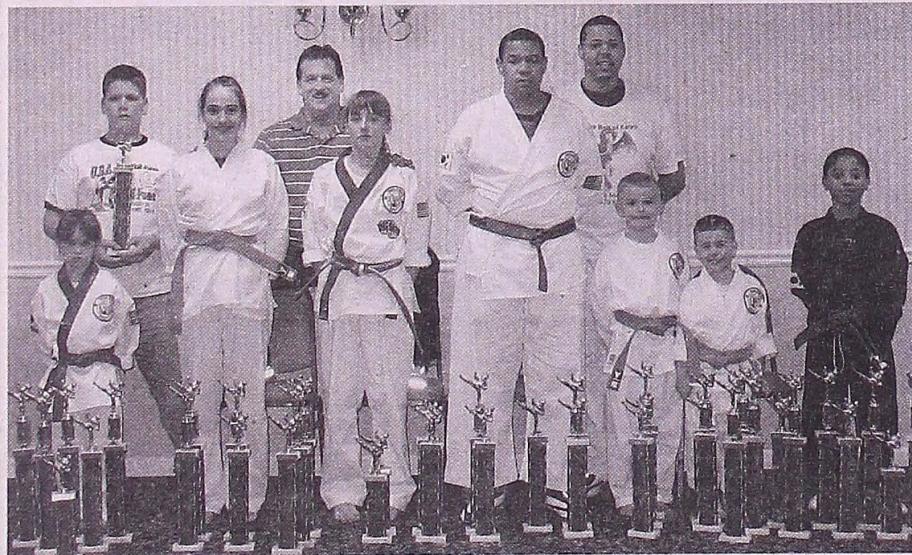
If you have questions about an item, call the DPW (734-374-1373).

### Dinners Aid Junior World Series

Weekly all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinners will raise money for the Junior League World Series of baseball. The Perfect Pitcher Sports Club (12900 Beech Daly, just north of Northline Road) is holding the \$5 dinners on Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

For information, call 734-947-9707.

## Red Dragons Take 39 Trophies in Tourney



Members of the City of Romulus Parks and Recreation Department's Red Dragons TangSooDo team won 39 total awards – including 2 grand champion awards, 20 first-place awards, 14 second-place awards, and 2 third-place awards – in the U.S.A. Martial Arts Hall of Fame Tournament, held in Richmond, Indiana, on April 5. Pictured are (left to right) Kayla Leonard, Juluis Rea (team manager), Kayla Bunyak, Jim Thomas (USA Hall of Fame Director), Rachel Leonard, Carl Tate, Master Richard Bell (coach), Connor McCraight, Chandler McCraight, and Keishawn Bell.

## Brown Awarded



Romulus resident Keenan Brown, who teaches and practices martial arts despite being a kidney dialysis patient, received the USA Martial Arts Hall of Fame's "Inspiration Award" on April 4 in Richmond, Indiana. Brown's martial arts career includes a number of truly impressive achievements, including a World Speed Brick Breaking Association record.

## Sassy Seniors

For information about these or other programs, contact the appropriate center.

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#### Top Bowlers Recognized

A recent awards banquet recognized Senior Bowling League participants for their achievements. Top teams were:

- first place – Happy Ones (Mary Mahon, Shirley Callahan, and Glenn Koerber),
- second place – Strikers (Earl Michling, John Trent, Betty Michling, and Gene Dudley), and
- third place – Shooting Stars (Sharon Berns, Mary Collins, Mary Dolencic, and Darryl Zilka).

#### Volunteers Honored

A luncheon held at the Romulus Senior Center on April 2 recognized 20 volunteers for donating their time to various programs that serve local senior citizens. The honorees were: Doris Albig, Bonnie Bossidis, Jesse Charles, Kathy Dick, Sylvia Dubisky, Parilie Dupree, Joyce Evans, Teddy Hall, Oscar Hamilton, Pauline Hargis, Betty Lenossi, Pat Noblett, Joe Ozog, Nancy Paul, Brenda Rusan, John Schulz, Louise Shropshire, Leondo Smith, Cindy Townsend, and Linda Troia. Dubisky – the only volunteer with more than 20 years of service (22.5 years with the Meals on Wheels program) – was also recognized by Wayne County during an awards luncheon held on April 15.

#### Craft Show

Romulus seniors who would like to take part in the Center's next craft show – set for Friday, May 8, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. – may purchase table space for \$5.

Space is limited; sign up now.

#### Mother's Day Luncheon

The Romulus Senior Center's Mother's Day Luncheon – set for noon on Friday, May 8 – will feature a menu of spaghetti with garlic bread and salad, cake, and coffee.

Cost is \$3.50 per person. Advance registration is required.

#### Ask the Attorney

Local attorney Steve Robinson's monthly "Ask the Attorney" program – a free consultation service for Romulus senior citizens – has been scheduled for 3 to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, May 13, at the Center.

Both walk-ins and call-ins are welcome.

#### Upcoming Events

Call for more information about these upcoming events, some of which require advance registration and payment:

- Wii Bowling Challenge (Tuesday, May 12, 1 p.m.),
- Jewelry-making Class (Wednesday, May 13, 5 p.m.),
- Painting Class (Friday, May 15, 11 a.m.),
- Latin Dance Class (Friday, May 29, 12 p.m.),
- Movie Day (Friday, May 22, 11:30 a.m.), and
- Detroit Tigers game at Comerica Park (Thursday, June 4, at 11 a.m.).

### Regular Programs

Free or low-cost weekly programs offered by the Romulus Senior Center include:

- ceramics classes (Mondays, 12 p.m.),
- bingo (Mondays/Wednesdays, 1 p.m.),
- bunco (Tuesdays, 1 p.m.),
- crochet classes (Wednesdays, 11 a.m.),
- fun night (Wednesdays, 5 p.m.),
- game day (Thursdays, 1 p.m.),
- quilting (Thursdays, 6 p.m.), and
- walking club (Fridays, 11 a.m., at the Romulus Athletic Center).

### Taylor

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#### May Dance

The Ford Senior Center's May Dance will be held on Friday, May 15, from 2 to 5 p.m. The event will feature music by Solitaire and snacks.

Tickets (\$7 per person) are on sale now.

#### Spelling Bee for Seniors

Wayne County will host a spelling bee for senior citizens at the Ford Senior Center on Thursday, June 4, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will also feature prizes, lunch, and raffles.

Although there is no cost for participants or their supporters, advance sign-up is required because space is limited.

#### The Art of Norman Rockwell

See the Norman Rockwell exhibit at the Detroit Institute of Arts on Thursday, May 21. Bus will depart from the Center at 10:30 a.m. and return at about 4 p.m.

Cost is \$16 plus lunch at Sabina's. Advance registration is required.

#### Olde World Canterbury Village

Travel to historic Olde World Canterbury Village to browse treasures from around the world on Friday, May 22. The bus will depart at 9:30 a.m. and return at approximately 4:30 p.m.

Cost is \$2 plus money for shopping and lunch at a restaurant in the village. Advance registration is required.

#### Dial M for Murder

The Senior Center is planning a trip to Davidson Middle School to see the Southgate Community Players' production of *Dial M for Murder*. The bus will depart at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 11, and return at approximately 10 p.m.

Cost is \$10 plus dinner at The Garden Café. Advance registration is required.

#### An Afternoon at the Movies

Enjoy a gourmet buffet and dessert, then check out a first-run movie (with free popcorn and beverages) on Tuesday, May 19. Bus departs from the Center at 10:15 a.m. and returns at about 4 p.m.

A cost of \$18.75 includes transportation, lunch, and admission. Advance registration is required.

#### Check Your Blood Pressure

The Ford Senior Center has tentatively scheduled free blood-pressure checks from 8:30 to 11 a.m. on Tuesday, May 12, and Thursdays, May 7, 21, and 28. □

## Seniors Recognized



Bowlers recognized during the Romulus Senior League awards banquet included (from left) Marge Taylor, Mamie Barker, Kathy Boone, Joann Hewitt, Joe Ozog, Bill Wadsworth, Clarence Mahon, Angie Snyder, Mary Mahon, Rose Schoolmaster, Darwin Schoolmaster, Shirley Callahan, Lynn Bader, and Glenn Koerber.



Mayor Alan R. Lambert presented awards to volunteers like Louise Shropshire ...

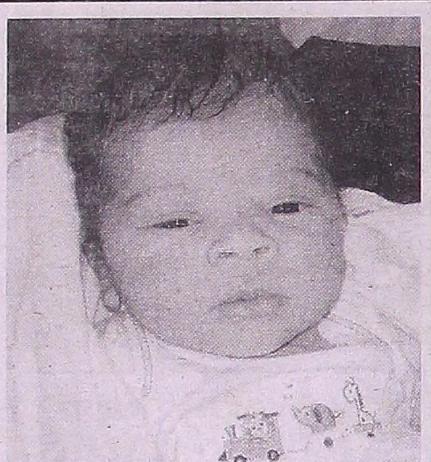


... and Betty Lenossi during an Appreciation Luncheon held at the Romulus Senior Center on April 2.



Sylvia Dubisky (second from right), who has donated more than 22 years of service to the Meals on Wheels program, was among those recognized at the Wayne County Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon held April 15. Those on hand to congratulate her included: (from left) Maria Lambert, director, Downtown Development Authority, City of Romulus; County Commissioners Diane Webb (District 9), Joan Gebhardt (District 12), and Gary Woronchak (District 13); and County Executive Robert A. Ficano. Volunteer photos by R. E. Kadau

# The Stork Arrived!



Melvin Carlisle Stewart II

## Melvin Carlisle Stewart II

Proudly announcing the birth of their first child, Melvin Carlisle Stewart, are Melvin and Emily Stewart of Westland, Michigan.

Melvin was born in St. Mary Mercy Hospital (Livonia, MI) at 9:26 p.m. on Tuesday, February 17, 2009, weighing in at 7 lbs., 2 oz., and measuring 19 in.

Among those giving the new arrival a warm and loving welcome into the family were his paternal grandparents, Melvin and Sheila Stewart (Romulus, MI), and his maternal grandparents, Lee and Sheila St. Clair (Inkster, MI). □

## Citywide Yard Sale

Romulus residents are invited to take part in the annual Citywide Yard Sale, set for May 14-17. (If two or more sale dates are "rained out," the event will be rescheduled for May 28-31.) To register for a free permit, stop in at the Romulus Athletic Center (35765 Northline Road).

For info, call 734-941-8665. □

## Rec Taking Applications

The City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation is now accepting applications for the position of CDA Licensed Employee for its preschool summer recreation program. The program is licensed by the State of Michigan as a day camp.

For information, call the Recreation Department: 734-941-8665. □

## Don't Get Fooled on Economic Recovery Payment

By Rufus Gaston, Social Security Public Affairs Specialist in Metropolitan Detroit

If you're receiving Social Security or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits, don't let anyone fool you regarding your special one-time recovery payment of \$250 from the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009*.

To make sure no one does, let me state this as clearly as possible:

- All Social Security and SSI beneficiaries who are eligible for the special one-time recovery payment will have their payment issued in May.
- The payment is automatic; no action is required on your part.
- There are no requests to make, no applications to complete, and no fees to pay.

If you receive a visit, call, or email from anyone claiming to want to help you obtain your payment, be skeptical. Do not pay anyone to help you receive your payment. And do not reveal any of your personal information, such as your full name, date of birth, or Social Security number. If someone requests this information for this purpose, it's more likely that he or she is "out to get you" than out to get your payment for you.

In addition to people who receive Social Security and SSI benefits, people who receive benefits from Veterans Affairs and the Railroad Retirement Board will receive one-time payments of \$250. Note, however, that only one payment of \$250 will be made

per person, regardless of any combination of benefits that may be received.

How will your recovery payment be made? The same way that your regular monthly payments are made. People with direct deposit will receive their payments electronically. Those who receive paper checks will receive their payments in the mail. People who receive regular payments through the new *Direct Express* debit card will receive their one-time payments through the card. We will send your one-time payment separately from your Social Security or SSI benefit.

To assist in processing the payments as efficiently as possible, please do not contact Social Security – unless you have not received your payment by June 4. More information is now available at [www.socialsecurity.gov/payment](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/payment) and will be updated as needed.

Rest assured that your special one-time recovery payment will be sent to you automatically. And if it's not received by June 4, there's only one place you need to contact: Social Security, at your local office, or at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

To learn more about the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009*, visit [www.recovery.gov](http://www.recovery.gov).

To learn more about Social Security, visit [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov).

*Editor's note: Watch for additional articles from Mr. Gaston in future issues of the little paper. □*



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